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FOR FRED GERLACH, SAUDI ARABIAN DESK OFFICER OR

ACTING SAUDI DESK OFFICER FROM HUMMON, USREP

REQUEST GERLACH ADVISE MOSER, TREAS DEPT/ISW (566-83719

AND DON TRILLING, DOT (426-4220) OF THIS MESSAGE.

EO 11652: NA

TAGS:

SUBJECT: TRANSNET

1. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH WASHINGTON TODAY (12 JUL) BY PHONE
TO REPORT ON LONG SESSION HARMAN AND WALKER AND I HAD WITH
DR. KAYAL THIS MORNING ON PROJECT AGREEMENT. DR. KAYAL
EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES, IN PART BECAUSE
MINISTER IS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY.

2. MINISTER'S LEGAL COUNSELLOR BROUGHT INTO SESSION, WHO
REVISED AGREEMENT. WE FINALLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON ALL
WASHINGTON CHANGES WITH KAYAL; HOWEVER, DISCUSSION
PROMPTED MOC TO SUGGEST FURTHER CHANGES WHICH WE HAVE
INCORPORATED INTO AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- ARTICLE 3, PARA 2: ADD "PROVIDING EXPERTS FOR:
AFTER "DOT WILL ASSIST THE MOC'S DEPUTY MINISTER
FOR TRANSPORT AFFAIRS IN."
- ARTICLE 3, PARA 4, DELETE "BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BEFORE
THEY SHALL BECOME BINDING UPON PARTIES HERETO" AS

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BASICALLY REDUNDANT TO THE FIRST PART OF THE
SENTENCE.

- ARTICLE 4, FIRST PHRASE OF PARA 2 TO READ "THE
MOC WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FROM THE ESTIMATED BUDGET
OF \$2.2 MILLION IN ARTICLE 8 FOR THE DOT TEAM
TO ACQUIRE". INSERTION MADE BECAUSE OF MOC
CONCERN THAT THIS SECTION MAY BE REFERRING TO

ADDITIONAL FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE BUDGET
OF \$2.2 MILLION.

- ARTICLE 4, PARA 3, DELETE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS
REDUNDANT SINCE THE ONLY LOCAL SUPPORT TO BE
PROVIDED BY SAG UNDER THIS ARTICLE IS AN
INDIVIDUAL FOR COORDINATION.

3. EXPECT TO HAVE MEETING AT 5:45 P.M. TODAY (JUL 12) WITH
DR. AL-TURKI AND DR. KAYAL TO GO OVER AGREEMENT WITH
MOC CHANGES. PERHAPS WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE SIGNATURE
ON AGREEMENT BUT NO ASSURANCE PARTICULARLY SINCE
USREP DOES NOT HAVE SIGNING AUTHORITY YET. STRONGLY
RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY FURTHER CHANGES IN STATE REVIEW.
ANY CHANGES, NO MATTER HOW MINOR, WILL REQUIRE SPECIFIC
MOC CLEARANCE.

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